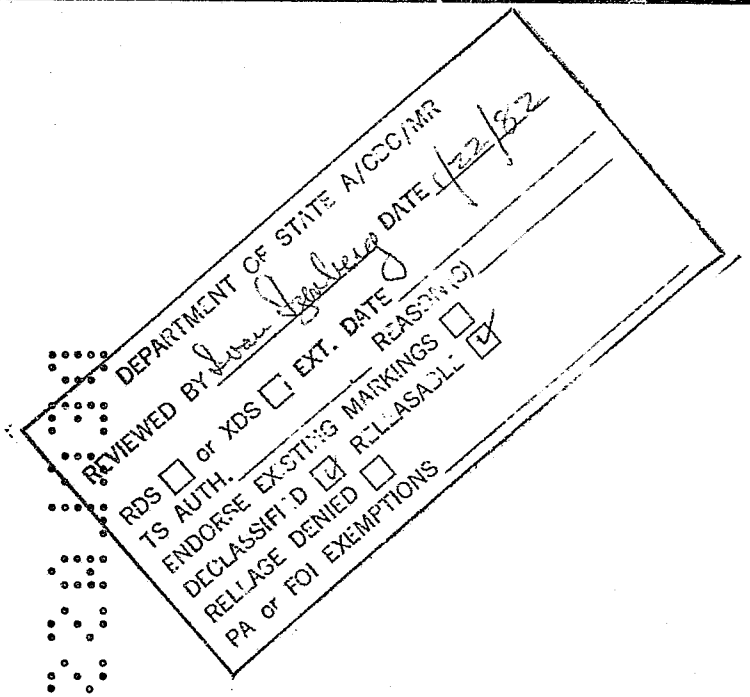
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1. Enclosed with this airgram are five copies of the official returns in the August 30 Upper House election, as issued by the Central Election Council on September 14.

2. These returns differ only in minor ways from the unofficial results announced previously (see the referenced airgram). The national standings of all sixteen lates remain exactly the same, with the Mau, Cao, and Huyen slates winning Upper House seats. The first, second, and third place winners in each province are likewise unchanged, with the exception of Go Cong Province where the pro-government Le slate now edges out the opposition Mau slate for third place.1/ Le had been listed fourth in the unofficial returns with 11,215 votes, just behind 11,524 for Mau. The new tabulation gives Le 11,142 and drops Mau to fourth with 11,022. This change has resulted in no complaint from Mau, whose first place standing nationwide is not altered. Our analysis of the returns in A-255 is not significantly affected by this change.

1/ Also, we note an error in our listings for Hau Nghia Province in Enclosure 1 of A-255. The second place winner in that province, under both the unofficial and official tabulations, should be the Canh slates, not the Cao slate. Third place in Hau Nghia, under both sets of returns, should go to Lai instead of to Huyen. Our listing for Hau Nghia's first place winner, Huy, is correct. No important changes in our analysis in A-255 result from this error.

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